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SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND

REF: BANGKOK 6513

1. WE EXPECT THAT PAROLE WILL BE GRANTED FOR THOSE CAMBODIANS EVACUATED BY U.S. GRANT OF PAROLE WOULD BE MADE WITH THE THOUGHT THAT THE STRONGEST EFFORT POSSIBLE WOULD BE MADE TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM ON AN INTERNATIONAL BASIS.

2. THEREFORE, WE DO NOT WISH THE GRANTING OF PAROLE TO FORESTALL AN INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT EFFORT FOR CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, NOR DO WE DESIRE THAT CAMBODIAN

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PAROLEES DEPART EN MASSE FOR THE U.S. BEFORE AMERICAN

VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (WHO WILL HANDLE U.S. RESETTLEMENT) CAN GEAR UP TO RECEIVE THEM HERE. WE BELIEVE THAT EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY EMBASSY BANGKOK WITH RTG FOR CAMBODIANS (REFTEL) WILL FACILITATE SUCH AN EFFORT.

3. TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE, TCN'S SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF NATIONALITY (EXCEPT VIETNAMESE). WE ASSUME THAT TCN CONTRACT TERMS WITH EMPLOYERS WILL PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION COSTS.

4. WE WOULD PREFER THAT INITIAL INTERVIEWING, AND SCREENING AND DETERMINATION OF RESETTLEMENT PREFERENCES BE DONE BY UNHCR/ICEM TEAM ON THE SPOT. WE THINK THAT OTHER COUNTRIES SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO TAKE A FAIR SHARE OF CAMBODIAN REFUGEES AND THAT BOTH UNHCR AND ICEM WILL ACTIVELY SOLICIT RESETTLEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN U.S. WE STRONGLY URGE THAT ICEM GENEVA IMMEDIATELY SEND ICEM RESETTLEMENT EXPERT FROM HONG KONG OR ELSEWHERE TO BANGKOK. TRANSPORTATION OF REFUGEES WOULD BE ARRANGED BY ICEM WITH LOAN FUND ARRANGEMENT.

5. WE HAVE SOLICITED AND HAVE BEEN ASSURED OF THE HELP OF AMERICAN VOLUNTARY AGENCIES IN RESETTLING CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THE UNITED STATES. THROUGH PUBLICITY WE WOULD HOPE VOLAGS COULD GENERATE RESETTLEMENT OFFERS, (INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT) FROM INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES HERE. THIS WOULD ASSIST IN REDUCING THE TIME BEFORE THE REFUGEES CAN BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING AND OVERALL COSTS.

6. IN TERMS OF DEPARTURE OF CAMBODIANS DESTINED FOR U.S., WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT ONCE PAROLE APPROVED, ANY CAMBODIANS WHO ARE DESTINED TO JOIN FRIENDS OR RELATIVES IN THE U.S. BE MOVED FIRST.

7. WE INVITE ANY COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS.

8. FOR GENEVA: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR DISCUSSING FEASIBILITY OF ABOVE WITH UNHCR AND ICEM AND OBTAIN ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM BOTH ORGANIZATIONS. KISSINGER
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